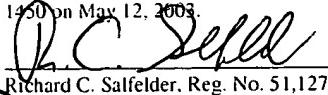
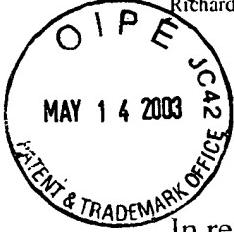


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Dear Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Final Office action mailed March 18, 2003, the response for which is due June 18, 2003. Applicant requests that the application be reconsidered in view of the following amendments and arguments.

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